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**Granite State Detachment #542  
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## **Dedication issue:**

**This first issue of “Oorah” is dedicated to Anthony J. Romano Jr.. As his name is listed in Semper Fi magazine on page 53, TAPS, New Hampshire Fall 2019 Issue. It is with honor that we dedicate this issue in his name for his unconditional passion for U.S.M.C. & our MCL Detachment. He will always be remembered for his “gung-ho” attitude, support and love for what MCL**

**November 10, 2019 Happy Birthday Marines!**

**The Marine Corps birthday will take place Sunday, November 10, 2019  
as the Marine Corps turns 244 years old.**

**Semper Fi and Oorah!**

**Also, The Marine Corps League was founded by Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune  
in 1923. Marine Corps League is the only federally chartered related veterans  
organization in the United States.**

**Our Granite State Detachment #542 Officers Meeting is held at 1800 – 1830 and  
Membership Meeting 1830-2000 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the B.P.O.E.  
Elks Lodge #146 290 Granite Street, Manchester, NH 03102**



## **Slow Hand Salute Marine Anthony Romano Tony is a Marine's Marine!**

**Tony left us to go to a place, where he could watch over his Granite State Detachment #542. He loved the Marine Corps and his league. Many of us walked with Tony for the good of the league and watched him put the league above everything else. He showed signs of illness but never showed signs of defeat. Tony always was first to volunteer and had a way of letting everyone know, he was a United States Marine Corps Veteran and a member of our Granite State Detachment.**



## **Adjutant Report: KEVIN BROWN**

**“As a recent incomer to New Hampshire, I want to thank all the members of the Marine Corps League for trying their best to make me feel welcome. Yes, I talk funny; I admit that one. And maybe I am unduly influenced by my experiences on the Left Coast...after all, there aren’t many ‘Hollywood Marines’ in the Granite State Detachment. My work as Adjutant so far has focused on a re-write of the Detachment’s By-Laws, and that has been an experience in cultural learning. In Oregon, I had just lived through the closing of two detachments, as the result of many different problems, but uniform in those shut-downs was a feeling by the members of “If our By-Laws don’t say we can’t do XY or Z, then by golly we ARE going to go out that way.” And that attitude caused all sorts of challenges when MCL Division and National get involved, as National wants things done their way, regardless what local By-laws may say. Or omit. Please keep this in mind when the proposed changes are presented to GSD voting members for review, consideration and approval.**

## **PRESS RELEASE: Marine Corps Ball 11/09/2019**

Ralph Fatello, a combat veteran in Vietnam, will be the speaker at the annual Marine Corps Ball being held on November 9, at the Rochester American Legion, Post 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fatello enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1968 and after Boot Camp at Parris Island and infantry training at Camp LeJune, shipped out to Vietnam where he served as a rifleman, a fire team leader and squad leader in the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. He was honorably discharged as a Lance Corporal in 1971. Fatello has been very active in the Hampton American Legion, serving as the Commander for 13 years. He was the inspiration behind the Global War on Terror Monument and the 9-11 ceremony held every year at the Legion. A long time surfer, he has led and chaired the annual surfing event at Hampton Beach, in connection with the Wounded Warriors program. Hundreds of veteran's have experienced surfing as a result of Ralph's leadership. Fatello lives in Hampton with his wife Cory. They are parents of three children, Gabrielle, Max and Noelle.

All Marines and FMF Corpsman are cordially invited to attend the Ball. Tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased by sending a check made out to: Seacoast Detachment #394, and mailed to George Dow, Paymaster, Box 690, Kittery, Me. 03904

## Weare Rally Update:

On July 26th and 27th, the Granite State. Marines kicked off the rifle raffle ticket selling season at the Weare Military Vehicle Rally. Chris and his wife Chelly were out early Friday morning getting the tent setup, the rifle inspected and greeting the other vendors in the area. The event got off to a slow start in Friday, only making a just over \$50 in ticket sales, but Chris and Chelly were able to get out and attend one of the vehicle offload trail rides late in the afternoon when about 20 military and civilian vehicles hit the trails around Weare. It was a pleasurable ride through the woods and along some of the lakes and rivers in the area. Everybody got plenty of dust and a little mud in a few places.

In addition to setting up the vendor tent, Chris and Chelly also setup camp where they spent the night on the rally site. The weather was far more pleasurable this year, 80's during the day, 60's at night. Most importantly, not torrential downpours like last year, not even a drop of rain this year.

Early Saturday morning Chris and Chelly arose to get the vendor tent up and running again, just in time for the arrival of Woody and Joe to start their morning shift. Saturday being the main event, things picked up and the dynamic duo sold quite a few tickets, about \$250 worth before Judith and Chris relieved them in the early afternoon when they closed out the afternoon with another \$150 in ticket sales and even a Vietnam Challenge Coin bringing the 2 day total to \$500. Not bad for a lightly attended event, but keep in mind, we have 2,500 tickets to sell and will do that with a combination of online sales and gun shows coming up between now and February of next year.

For more information on the rifle or to purchase raffle tickets online, visit:

<http://granitestatemarines.com/rifle-raffle> or <http://granitestatemarines.com/store>

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